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SUBJECT: JEEPS FOR YAR - FMS CASE UAH

REF: A. SANA 1304 B.STATE 116738 AND C.SANA 1229

1. DELAY IN SHIPMENT OF 30 JEEPS TO YAR IS DUE PRIMARILY TO TWO REASONS: (A) MECHANICAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO FUEL TANKS, CARBURATORS, AND DRIVE SHAFTS, WHICH SURFACED DURING FINAL INSPECTION OF VEHICLES AND (B) INABILITY, TO DATE, OF MAKING SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIRECT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION OF THESE JEEPS TO HODEIDA.

2. DA NOW ADVISES THAT MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN SOLVED. TEN JEEPS HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR TRANSPORTATION ON 20 MAY 75 BUT SHIPPING DATE WILL NOT BECOME AVAILABLE
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UNTIL 3 JUNE. THESE TEN JEEPS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SHIPMENT

FROM A U.S. GULF PORT OF EMBARKATION. BALANCE OF 20
JEEPS WILL BE OFFERED FOR TRANSPORTATION ON 15 JUNE 1975
AND SHIPPING DATE IS SCHEDULED TO BE PROVIDED TEN CALENDAR
DAYS THEREAFTER, PROVIDED NO FURTHER DIFFICULTIES ARISE.

3. SHIPMENT DIRECTLY TO HODEIDA REMAINS A POTENTIAL
PROBLEM. TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY, WE RECOMMEND THAT IF
DIRECT SHIPPING TO HODEIDA CANNOT BE ARRANGED SHORTLY,

THAT JEEPS BE SHIPPED ON EARLIEST VESSEL BOUND FOR JIDDA,
THEN TRANSSHIPPED TO HODEIDA BY LOCAL COASTAL VESSEL,
OR DRIVEN CROSS-COUNTRY TO YAR. PLEASE ADVISE OF
ACCEPTABILITY OF THESE ALTERNATIVES. ONLY OTHER
ALTERNATIVE IS TO AWAIT DIRECT SHIPPING ARRANGEMENT
FROM U.S. PORT TO HODEIDA, OR RECONSIDER AIR SHIPMENT.
HOWEVER, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT YAR HAS PREVIOUSLY
DISCARDED OPTION OF AIR SHIPMENT IN VIEW OF HIGH COSTS
INVOLVED (I.E., NOW QUOTED AT ABOUT DOLLARS 9,000 PER
JEEP).

4. NOTWITHSTANDING ABOVE, DA IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO
FIND SUITABLE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTLY REPEAT
DIRECTLY TO PORT OF HODEIDA. ON 4 JUNE DA WILL ADVISE
YOU OF FINAL SHIPPING INFORMATION COVERING INITIAL 10
JEEPS. NOT LATER THAN 16 JUNE, DA WILL ADVISE YOU
DIRECTLY OF SHIPPING INFORMATION COVERING ADDITIONAL 20
JEEPS.

5. FOR AMEMBASSY JIDDA. REQUEST YOUR COMMENT RE POSSIBLE
TRANSSHIPMENT OF JEEPS THROUGH JIDDA. INGERSOLL

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